

SARATOGA - August 14, 2025 - Race 9

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
(UP TO \$13,050 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$50,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN OR CLAIMING OR CLAIMING \$40,000 AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 120lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Claiming Price \$40,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, 3yo and up races will run at One Mile on the Main Track; 2yo races will run at 7F). (Rail at 27 feet). (NW1 X)  
**Claiming Price:** \$40,000

**Distance:** One Mile On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 1 1/16 Miles On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Key Contender - 1:34.72 - August 9, 1992)

**Purse:** \$75,000

**Available Money:** \$75,000

**Value of Race:** \$65,250 1st \$41,250, 2nd \$15,000, 3rd \$9,000

**Weather:** Clear, 81° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

**Off at:** 5:47 **Start:** Good for all except 5,9 **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
17Jul25 <sup>9</sup> SAR <sup>4</sup>	1	Brit's Wit (Rosario, Joel)	125 L b	1 1	3		3	3	2 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	2.50	tip 3w uppr, inched cl
17Jul25 <sup>9</sup> SAR <sup>3</sup>	5	Final Denile (Carmouche, Kendrick)	125 L b	2 2	1 <sup>1/2</sup>		1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>6</sup>	1.00*	carried out st, ran on
26Jul25 <sup>12</sup> SAR <sup>1</sup>	9	Hedge the Risk (Davis, Dylan)	125 L	3 3	2 <sup>Head</sup>		2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3	3	1.40	carried out st, wknd

**Fractional Times:** 24.72 47.88 1:12.61 1:25.82 **Final Time:** 1:39.67

**Split Times:** (23:16) (24:73) (13:21) (13:85)

**Run-Up:** 27 feet

**Winner:** Brit's Wit, Bay Gelding, by English Channel out of Secret Humor, by Yes It's True. Foaled Feb 20, 2019 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** John Kuehl

**Owner:** America's Pastime Stables

**Trainer:** Maker, Michael

**Scratched Horse(s):** Enlighten (Off-Turf), Flat On (Main-Track-Only), Fredo (Off-Turf), Gem Mint Ten (Off-Turf), Heathguard (Off-Turf), Hero's Medal (Main-Track-Only), Indy Magic (Main-Track-Only), Mo Kreesa (RegVet-Unsound), Steadfast Resolve (Off-Turf)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$198,900

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Brit's Wit	7.00		\$1.00 Grand Slam	2/7-1/2/3/5/8-3/4/6/8/10-1	14.60	30,729
5	Final Denile				(4 correct)		
9	Hedge the Risk			\$1.00 Pick 3	5-6-1 (3 correct)	46.25	36,755
				\$0.50 Pick 5	(X-COUNTRY) 1/3/5-1-6-2/3/6/8-1	831.25	24,119
					(5 correct)		
				\$1.00 Daily Double	6-1	23.30	42,932
				\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	5-6-6 (3 correct)	13.20	0
				\$1.00 Consolation	6-6	6.50	0
				Double			

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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1	Brit's Wit	1	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>
5	Final Denile	2	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>
9	Hedge the Risk	3	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>7</sup>

**Trainers:** 1 - Maker, Michael; 5 - De Paz, Horacio; 9 - Sharp, Joe

**Owners:** 1 - America's Pastime Stables; 5 - Upback Racing LLC; 9 -Jordan V. Wycoff;

**Footnotes |** [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BRIT'S WIT broke out at the start carrying out his two rivals a path or two before being pulled off, led briefly until headed for the front by the runner up with six and a half furlongs to run, chased just off the inside until tucked inside half a mile from home, came under light coaxing at the seven-sixteenths, tipped out three wide into upper stretch nudging HEDGE THE RISK to the four path, rallied to take command just inside the eighth pole, then appeared to not want to shake clear of FINAL DENILE when pricking his ears and waiting on his rival while kept to task to the finish. FINAL DENILE got carried out at the start by the aforementioned foe and in turn carried out HEDGE THE RISK, established the front with six and a half furlongs to run and showed the way in hand three paths off the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn coming under coaxing at the three-eighths marker, spun just off the inside into upper stretch, dug in under threat and was caught just inside the eighth pole, ran on to the wire. HEDGE THE RISK got carried out at the start by FINAL DENILE due to pressure from BRIT'S WIT, chased four then three wide under a ride from the seven-sixteenths, got nudged four wide into upper stretch when BRIT'S WIT tipped out at that juncture, then weakened through to the end.